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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ASH  
FORK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.,  
DBA ASH FORK WATER SERVICE FOR A RATE  
INCREASE.

DOCKET NO. W-01004B-15-0313

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ASH  
FORK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, INC. DBA  
ASH FORD WATER SERVICE FOR APPROVAL  
OF A FINANCING APPLICATION.

DOCKET NO. W-01004B-15-0342

PROCEDURAL ORDER

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

On September 1, 2015, in Docket No. W-01004B-15-0313 ("Rate Docket"), Ash Fork Development Association, Inc. d/b/a Ash Fork Water Service ("Ash Fork" or "Company") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for a permanent rate increase.

On September 30, 2015, in Docket No. W-01004B-15-0342 ("Financing Docket"), Ash Fork filed an application requesting authorization to incur long-term debt from the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona ("WIFA") in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the purpose of constructing an arsenic treatment plant at Well No. 2.

On October 1, 2015, in the Rate Docket, the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") filed a Letter of Deficiency stating that the rate application did not meet the sufficiency requirements outlined in Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C.") R14-2-103.

On October 8, 2015, in both dockets, Ash Fork filed letters certifying that notices of the rate application and financing application were mailed to all customers of record by means of an insert in their October water bill.

On October 15, 2015, in the Rate Docket, Ash Fork filed an amendment to its rate application.

On October 27, 2015, in the Rate Docket, Staff filed a Letter of Sufficiency stating that the rate application, as amended, had met the sufficiency requirements outlined in A.A.C. R14-2-103, and

1 classifying Ash Fork as a Class D Utility.

2 On December 9, 2015, Staff filed a Motion to Consolidate in each of the two dockets, requesting  
3 a procedural order to consolidate the Rate Docket and Financing Docket. According to Staff, the issues  
4 presented in both dockets are directly related and consolidation would conserve resources. The  
5 Company did not file an objection to the motion.

6 On December 11, 2015, in the Rate Docket, Ash Fork filed an amendment to its rate application.

7 The matters in the above-captioned dockets are substantially related, and the rights of the parties  
8 will not be prejudiced by consolidation. Since consolidation would promote administrative efficiency  
9 and economy, and there being no objection, it is reasonable and appropriate to consolidate the Rate  
10 Docket and Financing Docket.

11 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that **Docket Nos. W-01004B-15-0313 and W-01004B-15-**  
12 **0342** are hereby **consolidated**.

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, as permitted under A.A.C. R14-3-107(B), each party to this  
14 matter may opt to receive service of all filings in this docket, including all filings by parties and all  
15 Procedural Orders and Recommended Opinions and Orders/Recommended Orders issued by the  
16 Commission's Hearing Division, via email sent to an email address provided by the party rather than  
17 via U.S. Mail. To exercise this option, a party shall:

- 18 1. Ensure that the party has a valid and active email address to which the party has regular  
19 and reliable access ("designated email address");
- 20 2. Complete a Consent to Email Service form, available on the Commission's website  
21 ([www.azcc.gov](http://www.azcc.gov));
- 22 3. File the original and 13 copies of the Consent to Email Service form with the  
23 Commission's Docket Control, also providing service to each party to the service list;
- 24 4. Send an email, containing the party's name and the docket number for this matter, to  
25 [HearingDivisionServicebyEmail@azcc.gov](mailto:HearingDivisionServicebyEmail@azcc.gov) from the designated email address, to allow  
26 the Hearing Division to verify the validity of the designated email address;
- 27 5. Understand and agree that service of a document on the party shall be complete upon  
28 the sending of an email containing the document to the designated email address,

1 regardless of whether the party receives or reads the email containing the document;  
2 and

3 6. Understand and agree that the party will no longer receive service of filings in this  
4 matter through First Class U.S. Mail or any other form of hard-copy delivery, unless  
5 and until the party withdraws this consent through a filing made in this docket.

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a party's consent to email service shall not become effective  
7 until a Procedural Order is issued approving the use of email service for the party. The Procedural  
8 Order shall be issued only after the party has completed steps 1 through 4 above, and the Hearing  
9 Division has verified receipt of an email from the party's designated email address.

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a party's election to receive service of all filings in this matter  
11 via email does not change the requirement that all filings with the Commission's Docket Control must  
12 be made in hard copy and must include an original and 13 copies.

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties must comply with Arizona Supreme Court Rules  
14 31, 38, and 42 and Arizona Revised Statutes § 40-243 with respect to the practice of law and admission  
15 *pro hac vice*.

16 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that withdrawal of representation must be made in compliance  
17 with A.A.C. R14-3-104(E) and Rule 1.16 of the Rules of Professional Conduct (under Arizona  
18 Supreme Court Rule 42). Representation before the Commission includes appearances at all hearings  
19 and procedural conferences, as well as all Open Meetings for which the matter is scheduled for  
20 discussion unless counsel has previously been granted permission to withdraw by the Administrative  
21 Law Judge or the Commission.

22 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Law Judge may rescind, alter, amend, or  
23 waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at  
24 hearing.

25 DATED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2015.


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28 SCOTT M. HESLA  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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